MYSORE ACT No. XXIX OF 1952.

THE MYSORE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN SHOW HOUSES AND PUBLIC HALLS ACT, 1952.

(Received the assent of His Highness the Rajpramukh on the First Day of September 1952.)

An Act to prohibit Smoking in Show Houses and Public Halls in [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District.]

Preamble

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit smoking in Show Houses and Public Halls in [1][the State of Mysore except Bellary District];

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mysore Prohibition of Smoking in Show Houses and Public Halls Act, 1952.

(2) It extends to the [1][whole of the State of Mysore except Bellary District.]

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act,—

(*a*) "Government" means the State Government;

(*b*) "Show House" means any building or any roofed and enclosed structure, used ordinarily or occasionally for the demonstration or exhibition to the public, whether on payment or otherwise of cinematographic films, dramatical pantomime or musical performances;

(*c*) "Public Hall" means a chamber or hall used ordinarily or occasionally as a place of public assembly or meeting;

(*d*) "smoke" means inhalation and exhalation of the smoke of tobacco.

1. See the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1953.

Prohibition of smoking in Show Houses and Public Halls.

3. (1) If any demonstration, exhibition or meeting is held in a Show House or Public Hall, then no person shall during the prohibited period as defined in sub-section (2) smoke either—

(*a*) on the stage except in so far as smoking may be part of the demonstration or exhibition, or

(*b*) in the auditorium, that is to say, in that portion of the Show House or Public Hall in which accommodation is provided for audience or the spectators.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), 'prohibited period' means so much of the period commencing thirty minutes before the beginning of the demonstration, exhibition or meeting and ending with the termination thereof, as may fall within the hours which the Government may, by notification in the *Mysore Gazette*, specify in this behalf for demonstrations, exhibitions or meetings generally or any class of demonstrations, exhibitions or meetings.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section and who on being asked by a police officer to desist from smoking persists, shall be liable to be removed from the Show House or Public Hall by such police officer and shall also be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees and for a second or subsequent offence with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

(4) A person ejected under sub-section (3) shall not be entitled to the refund of any payment made by him for admission to the demonstration, exhibition or meeting or to any other compensation.

Management to post notices or exhibit slides.

4. (1) Every person responsible for the management of a demonstration or exhibition in a Show House and every person who is in charge of the arrangements of a public assembly or a meeting in a Public Hall, shall bring to the notice of the audience or the spectators, by posting notices prominently or by exhibiting slides, that any person who smokes during the prohibited period, either on the stage or in the auditorium reserved for the audience or spectators, shall be liable to be ejected summarily and also to payment of fine.

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

Power to exclude from the operation of the Act.

5. The Government may, by general or special order, direct that all or any of the provisions of this Act, shall not apply in respect of any Show House or Public Hall or any demonstration, exhibition or public meeting therein.